



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 27**

February Session, 2000

Substitute Senate Bill No. 22

*Senate, March 9, 2000*

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. PETERS of the 20<sup>th</sup> Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### ***An Act Concerning Certification Of Telecommunications Providers.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 16-247g of the general  
2 statutes, as amended by section 11 of public act 99-222, is repealed and  
3 the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a) (1) Any person may apply to the department for an initial  
5 certificate of public convenience and necessity to offer and provide  
6 intrastate telecommunications services. Such application shall include  
7 such information as the department shall require, and any reasonable  
8 fees, not to exceed actual cost, the department may prescribe, in  
9 regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54. The department may issue  
10 such certificate and may, as a precondition to certification, require any  
11 applicant to procure a performance bond sufficient to cover moneys  
12 due or to become due to other telecommunications companies for the  
13 provision of access to local telecommunications networks, to protect

14 any advances or deposits it may collect from its customers if the  
15 department does not order that such advances or deposits be held in  
16 escrow or trust, and to otherwise protect customers. Following receipt  
17 of such application, the department shall give notice of such  
18 application to all interested parties and after such notice may [approve  
19 or deny the application after holding a hearing with notice to all  
20 interested parties] hold a hearing with notice to all interested parties  
21 or, upon request of any party, shall hold a hearing with notice to all  
22 interested parties, and shall approve or deny the application.

**ET Committee Vote:** Yea 15 Nay 0 JFS

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Public Utility Control

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

Passage of this bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC). To the extent that the department will hold fewer hearings for a certificate to provide intrastate telecommunications service because fewer interested parties request such a hearing, a workload reduction to the DPUC may result.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS.**

**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the Department of Public Utility Control to forego holding a hearing on an application for a certificate to provide intrastate telecommunication service if no party requests a hearing. The department would still have to hold a hearing if requested to do so by any interested party.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2000

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15      Nay 0